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# MANILA WEAKENS

When the News of Cervera's Defeat Reaches the Beleaguered City.

## THEY WERE REALLY EXPECTING SOME AID

From Spain-It is Claimed that Unless the Spaniards Surrender in the Meantime Admiral Dewey will Bombard the Fortifications by the End of this Week-The Latest Advices from the American Admiral were that the Second Expedition from the United States Had Arrived and all Were Well-Awaiting General Merritt's Arrival-The American Troops Reported to Have Seized Wake Island.

HONG KONG, July M .- Letters re- | ceived here from Cavite, dated July 18, say that the American transports hav hoisted the American flag on an island supposed to be Watts' Island.

General Aguinaldo has organized the Philippine cabinet, at Bacoor, with the following personnel:

President of the council-General Secretary of war-Baldimiro Aguinal-

go, nephew of General Aguinaldo. Secretary of the interior-Leandre

Joaira.

Secretary of state—Mariane Trias
A Cavite letter dated July 17 says
General Anderson has quartered
California battalion at Paranaque,
eral miles from Mainia. The bloci
is effective and mails are not allowe
enter Manila except by warships.

LONDON, July 21.—A dispatch to the Times from Cavite refers to the island over which the American transports are said to have hoisted the American flag as Wake Island, which is in the Marshall group in Micronest, comprising the Radack and Ralick chains. Prohably "Watts" is a cable error.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21.—No confirmation can be obtained of the reported scisure of Wake Island by the trops of the second expedition to Mapilla. Secretary Long said to-night that the dispatch received to-day from Admiral Dewey concerning the situation at Manila made no reference to such a seisure, and so far as he knew the admignistration had received no information of the kind from any official source. Mether at the white house nor at the war department could anything be learned confirmatory of the dispatches from Hong Kong that Wake Island had been taken.

Dewey May Bombard.

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MANILA, July 18, via HONG KONG, July 21 .- Unless the Spaniards surren der in the meantime, Rear Admiral Dewey will bombard the fortifications

of Manils by the end of this week, provided the troops are ready to take pos-The First regisession immediately. ment is already in the field at Paranaque, two miles from Manila.

The Spaniards are reported to have been buoyed up by the hope that the Cadiz fleet, due here on the 18th, would arrive soon, but the news of the destruction of Admiral Cervera's squadron brought here yesterday by the Japanese cruiser Nanaiwa, may lead them to surrender. The insurgents are constantly harassing the Spaniards on

both sides of the city, but they are checked by the big guns of the Malate and Santa Miss forts. The second detachment of the Ameri-can expeditionary force arrived in ex-cellent condition, though four died on the voyage.

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A Spanish steamer, the Vosol, having on board a native crew from the Visages islands, southerners, is now in the hands of the insurgents. The crew revoited, killed the Spanish officers and reached Tayabao in the southern part of the island of Luzon, but there they quarrelled with Tagalon insurgents and returned to Hollo, which is looked upon as indicating that the Visayes are unstilling to join the Tagalons.

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In any case, it is considered that the Philippine islands will never be amalgamated and that they will nev-er return to Spanish rule. Therefore, amalgamated and that they will return to Spanish rule. There conly alternative, in the opinion the best informed people her eign rule, American or British.

Feeling at Washington WASHINGTON, D. C., July 21 .- That Admiral Dewey has the situation the Philippines well in hand is exhib-Ited by his telegram, the latest of which yes received to-day, which without boasing, simply reports like the others that have gone before that afairs are nutet and satisfactory. The state department has come to have fully as great a sense of appreciation of Dew

partment has come to have fully as great a sense of appreciation of Dewry's dipiomatic abilities as the country has for his mayal skill and courage and the best evidence of this is that it has not found it necessary up to this point to interfere in any way either to protect or to amend his works. The navy department has now discovered that the big doubled turretted monitor Monterey will not arrive at Cavite until August by that being the advice received at the department from the captain of the vessel when she touched at Honoliulu. The admiral's announcement of the arrival of the second detachment of United States troops at Cavite has given great comfort to the war department, which was not altogether at ease concerning the first small expedition lying between Spaniards and the insurgents and without being able to depend very largely upon either. With these added troops, it will now be possible to demand the surrender of Manilla, but it is gathered here that our purpose is to defer such a movement until all the United States troops now affout have arrived in Manilla bay unless the attitude of the insurgent forces prompt action on the part of the American commanders, military and naval.

Spaniards Hopeless.

Philippine Islands, July MANILA, Philippine Islands, July 21,—Rear Admiral Dewey may decide to capture Manila before General Merritt arrives here. In view of the possibility of sn early peace and the news from Cuba, the insurgents are renewing their extity. There have been viscorous altacks and a slight hombardment on the outsidries of the city, to which the Spanlards replied with an extravagant shelling.

spair of success. But they condemn the proposal to retire to the citadel, which is utterly defenseless, as such a step will merely invite slaughter. Therefore, they believe it would be better to surrender, though fearing public censure. However, they will probably be compelled to surrender soon, as food is daugerously scarce. They may pretend to fight the Americans for the sake of appearance, but the result will not be long in doubt if Admiral Dewey resolves to capture Manila with the forces he has at his disposal.

Nows of Cerrera's Defeat.

HONG KONG, July 21.—The German

HONG KONG, July 21.—The German teamer Wuetan at this port from Cavite, reports that the United States

vite, reports that the United States transport China, with American reinforcements for Admiral Dewey arrived at Cavite on Saturday last and that the other transports arrived on Sunday. The Wuetan also brought the news that no advance had been made by the American forces. They were awaiting the coming of General Merritt who was expected to reach the place within ten ted to reach the place within ten The insurgents still invested the

town,
The news of the destruction of Admiral Cervera's fleet at Santiago de Cuba was received at Manila on July 17
and created consternation among the Spaniards.

Semi-Official German View.

BERLIN, July 21.—The semi-official North German Gazette this afternoon referring to the statements that Ger-

referring to the statements that Germany has assured Secretary Day that the action attributed to Admiral von Diedrichs is unauthorized; that the German government repudiated responsibility for it, and that the admiral would be called to account, says:
"We are not aware that the government has any reason to make such or similar explanations. So far nothing is known here officially of any unfriendly action upon the part of Admiral von Dietrichs or any ships of the German squadron towards the United States. Neither is anything known of any complaint having been made by the Americans. The German government, therefore, has never been placed in the position to explain."

Composition of Secand Expedition. sitton of Secand Expedition

WASHINGTON, July 21.-A statement prepared at the war department the second expedition to the Philip-

the second expedition to the Philippines, which Admiral Dewey reports as having arrived at Manila, as follows:
Commander General F. V. Greene, Tenth Pennsylvania; First Colorado, First Nebraska, four companies of the Dighteenth and eight companies of the Twenty-thrif United States Infantry. Total number of men, 3,585. The expedition sailed from San Francisco June 1.

# DEWEY'S DESTRUCTION

Of the Spanish Fleet in Manila Bay-

Awfal Results of the Shots of the American Ships.
NEW YORK, July 21.—A correspondent of the Journal writing from Cavite, Manila, July 17, relates the result of an inspection of the hulls of the Spanish warships sunk in Manila bag by the squadron of Admiral Dewey. The cruiser Reina Cristina shows the most complete destruction. The course of the Olympia's eight-inch shell is clearly traced by a line of ruin extend clearly traced by a line of thin extension ing from her stern to her waist. All her woodwork is totally destroyed. There are very few large shot holes through her hull, the principal ones behavior of the six-inch shell amidships and from some four-inch shells. Charred rom some four-inch shells. Charred

places.

A large heap of remains near where
the ladder stood shows that a rush to
escape was made by the engineer force.
All were lost as the hatches to engine

escape was made by the engineer rorce. All were lost as the hatches to engine and fire rooms were closed.

The cruiser Castilla was less burned, but was terribig wrecked. There are plain traces where six big shells tore immense holes in her woodes hull. When the fire started the weight of the guns caved the hull inward. The warship is now a mass of twisted fron and charred beams, a very bad wreck, resembling that of the Maine in appearance. Everything att from the engines was shattered. Three large shells entered amidships.

The number of deaths was not so large as on the Reina Cristica.

The Don Antonio de Ullo did not burn. She sank quickly, riddled by shells of all sizes. The greatest havoc was done by the six inch shelts.

A number of dead bodies, all huddled fogether near the ladder leading to the superstructure, shows that the men were killed by a shell as they were attempting to lift the treasure chest to the superstructure and save it.

## THOUGHT HE WAS DEAD !

Alleged Letter from General Garcia to General Shafter, NEW YORK, July 21.—A Santiago

special to the Journal, dated July 20 says that General Garcia has written a

says that General Garcia has written a jetter to General Shafter declaring that he is disgusted at his treatment at the hands of the Americans and will there-fore withdraw his forces to the hills. Among the things which General Gar-cia complains is the failure of the Amer-ican commander to officially notify him of the surrender of the Spanish forces under General Toral, and he is also in-censed at the silench fact that he was not invited to be present at the cere-mony arending the formal capitulation of Panilago.

f Fantiago.

Another ariavance is the retention on Spanish civil authorities in the administration of their functions in San

under General Shafter's command, but will act independently, as he did before the American troops landed in Cuba.

### CRISIS IMMINENT

in Spain According to Reliable Advices Outside of Press Censorship—Report Cur reint That Weyler May be Arrested—Peole Panie Stricken Over Watson's Vists. LONDON, July 21.—Dispatches filed at Lisbon. Pertugal, on July 18, but

which were suppressed by the censor, my that owing to the suspension of the constitution in Spain the government has ordered reinforcements of troops to be dispatched to the frontier, fearing Spanish uprisings and the entry tory, as has been the case in the past.

BAYONNE, France, July 21.—A dispatch received from Madrid dated yesterday, says: In spite of the denials of the ministers everything points to the imminence of a crisis. It is believed General Polavieja will become minister for war in a national cabinet which the condition of affairs seems to call for. There is an unconfirmed rumor that the government intends to arrest General Weyler. At the last audience which the general had with the queen regent he protested against the calumnies leveled at him and said: "ABove all I am a solder and I will valiantly defend the institutions of my country and the royal house."

house."

As General Weyler has immense pres-tige among the Spanish officers, espec-ially among those returning from Cuba, it is regarded as probable, if a national ministry is formed, that his assistance will be invited.

#### STATE OF PANIC

faid to Prevail in Spain-Sagnsta's Resig-nation Again Refused. LONDON, July 21.—According to a

special dispatch from Madrid, Senor Sagasta, the premier, has again offered to resign and has been counselled by the queen regent to advise with other political leaders relative to his future course.

Another Madrid special announces

Another Madrid special announces that telegrams from Barcelona received report of a growing movement of the intervention of France and that steps are about to be taken to formally invite France to take Catalonia, of which Barcelona is the capital, and which has an area of over 12,000 miles under her protection.

Still another special dispatch from the capital of Spain asserts that the inhabitants of the Canary islands are panic stricken at the prospect of an American attack. The wealthy people have some into the interior. Great misery prevalls, trade is at a standstill, and there is considerable military activity everywhere and especially at Lanzarote and Graciosa Islands, which are expected to be the objectives of the American attack, where strong garrisons are reported to have been installed and powerful batteries erected on mountains dominating the Islands.

Very Fautastic

WASHINGTON, July 21 .- The report from Barcelona that the people were so fearful of the approach of the Watson fearful of the approach of the Watson squadron that they were urging France to establish a protectorate over all the Catalonia district including Barcelona, was dismissed by the officials and by, members of the diplomatic corps best informed on the affairs of France, as fantastic speculation, quite unwarranted by any actual movement now on foot. It is said to be thoroughly well established that France is not lending a helping hand to Spain in any of her affiliations. affiliations.

## IRON AND STEEL

With Mills and Factories in Operation Market Remains Dull. PITTSBURGH, July 21 .- The American Manufacturer in its weekly trade review will say to-morrow:

"Nothing new has been developed in the iron and steel market during the past week. It seems that about the same conditions prevail at all points, and that with the mills and factories generally in operation, the market re-mains very dull. This is about the situation at all points. In the eastern market the pig fron quotations are practically those of a month ago, but some makers hold that business is in a better shape. Buyers are still holding off, and a lower production has not made higher wages. Forge from are very dull. Big purchases of Bessemer billets are ex-pected soon. There is a good demand pected soon. There is a good demand-for galvanised sheet from and quick shipments are being made. The mer-chant steel people are getting in a good fall trade. There are good prospects in structural material, and the plate and structural material, and the plate and tank trade continues quite active. Chicago reports more confidence as being shown in the trade. The consumption of pig fron is large, and southern iron is plenty. There is a good demand for foundry frons, and consumers who have yearly contracts are away shead of the time, and still hurrying up deliveries. Bessemer billets are a little firmer, and large sales of salvanized sheets are re-Bessemer billets are a little firmer, and large cales of galvanized sheets are repoted. At Cincinnait there has been no change in the pig fron trade. The call for sheet bars is fair and there is a stronger tone in the pipe and tube trade. Louisville reports the general iron market as being fairly active. In the Wheeling district no material change is seen, as pig iron prices are weak, and less bur iron is now being made than for a long time past. Little change in pig iron prices is seen in the Cleveland market. There is a fair business in bar fron, but prices are low and the demand for structural material is good."

PITTSBURGH, July 31.-It is learned o-night that conference of the war-cale committees of the manufacturers and window glass association will no be held in Pittsburgh as usual. The conference this year will be held at Pun-in-Bay, on next Wednesday, both the manufacturers and President Burns aving decided on this course. The cent, and for an eight months fire. It is believed the manufacturers will agree to a 3 per cent advance and sever months fire.

Smallpox in Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 21.-The state board of health issued a proclama tion to-day plucing the whole of Jackson county and each of its inhabitants un-der rigid quarantine from the outside world. The board found that there have der rigid quarantine from the outsid world. The board found that there hav been more than 100 cases of smallpox i he county. The facts were laid befor the county authorities and an effort wa nade to have an appropriation made be county court as designed by law the count declined, although there homey in the treasury. The state boar low calls on the adjoining counties to inforce strict quarantine against Jack son county along its entire boundary Synsion of the quarantines boundary. Cynsien of the quarantines incurs heav

# MILES SAILS. FOR PORTO RICO

And is Expected to Land on the Island Sunday.

ACCOMPANIED BY CONVOY

Of . Battleship Masachusetts, Cruisers and Auxiliary Ships.

TAKES THREE THOUSAND MEN

And Will be Reinforced by Many Other Expeditions that Are now on Their Way, and Others that Will Follow-The Most Complete Preparations Made to Insure the buccess of the Invasion-Watsen Will Surely Depart for Spanish Shores as Soon as the Navy Department Can Arrange for His Squadron.

WASHINGTON, July #1.-General Miles, leading the military expedition against Porto Rico, started at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Siboney, Cuba, for instpoint on the island of Porto Rico where it is the intention that the troops shalf land. It is expected that General Miles will wait at some appointed spot on the route for the expeditions from npa, Newport News and New York to fall into his column. These expeditions are already under way, some of them with two or three days' start of General Miles, so that the delay should not be very great.

After all the difficulty about the naval convoy, and the first conclusion of the naval authorities that none was necessary, the strength of that now furnished is surprising. There is a battitiship of the first class, the Massachusetts, an effective protected cruiser, the Cincinnati, a speedy and well armed gunboat, the Annapolis, and four vessels of the auxiliary navy, which have already proved by their performance in Cuban waters that they are fully equal to the waters that they are fully equal to the ordinary gunboat in offensive power. These are the Gloucester, which distinguished herack in the destruction of Cervera's squadron, the Wasp, which has attained an enviable notoriety as a disturber of Spanish blockhouses, and the Leyden, which for a time was the sole representative of the United States in Havana harbor, and the Dixie.

Miles will Arrive analy.

Betretary Alger believes that General Miles on the Yals will arrive at his destination on Sunday morning with 2,000

tination on Sunday morning with 2,000 men under his immediate command. A day later will come 4,000 men on transports, and the day following that \$,500 more. Whether the landing will be deforce or whether General Miles will take the initiative and hoist the himself on Porto Rican soil is left to the discretion of that officer. It is the dediscretion of that officer. It is the department's determination that he shall not lack for troops or equipment, and this first expedition may be followed by several others as fast as the troops can be soften ready until word comes from the general that he needs no more. General Schwan's brigade, comprising the Fifth, the Eleventh and Nineteenth United States infantry, a splendid body of trained soldiers, sailed from Tampa to-day to join General Miles, and if the Porto Rican expedition is not an immediate success it will not be for lack of disposition in the war department to supply every requisite.

## WATSON WILL SAIL

With His Squadren for Spain-He is Only Delayed by the Dispatching of the Con-voy to Biles' Expedition to Porto Rice Preparations for his Departure Going

WASHINGTON, July 21.—Secretary Long said to-night that the prepara-tions for dispatching the Watson squadron to European waters were going on uninterruptedly, but that the departure necessarily would await the movement the warships at Porto Rico, the M sachusetts and other ships being re-quired for convoying the troops to Porto Rico. This disposed of a report circulated during the day that the expedition had been abandoned. It was felt that the report was the more mischlevous at this time, as it indicated a purpose to yield to the implied threats from European sources that a European consistion would result if the American warships attacked the coast of Spain. Neither the state nor mavy departments look for any embarrassment from European quarters outside of Spain as a result of the navas movement against the penineuls. During the day orders were sent to Norfolk to hurry forward the work on the collers which are to occupy a place in the Watson expedition.

Had the army troopships been able to go to Porto Rico without a maval convoy, the Watson squadron could have got away within the next few days, as the war board had wished to close all preliminaries by next Saturday. But as the report was the more mischlevous at

the war board had wished to close all preliminaries by next Saturday. But as the buttleship Massuchusetts, cruisers Cohumbia, Cindinnati, Dixie and Yale, together with several lesser craft, were considered necessary as a patrol for the Miles expedition, this changes the plans slightly. The Dixie is almost certain to be in the Wasson squadron, and the Massachusetts is likely to be. Secretary Long expressly says, however, that the delay of the Wasson squadron is incident to the convoying of the troops to Porto Rico, and does not mean that the start will be postponed until the Porto Rico operations are concluded.

Finally Got to Sea

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 21,-The expedition which started for Porto Ric expedition which started for Porto Rico from here Wednesday evening, finally got to sea to-day. The Grand Duchess and the No. 30, with General Wilson and the Second and Third Wisconsin regiments apent the night off Sunter. At 8 o'clock this morning tugs took them out through the jettles. It was not until 8 o'clock to-night that they were followed by he No. 31, varrying the Sixteenth Pennaylvania and two companies of the Sixth Illinois. The work of loading the last mentioned vecsel want busily forward all day. Some trouble was experienced in getting the loop mules that were to go on the ship, aboard, but otherwise the work was done rapidly and without the least accident. and without the least accident.
The men of the Sixteenth were most enthusiastic over the chance of shortly

seeing active service in Porto Rico and they were given an enthusiastic cheer by thousands of people who were assem-bled to see them off.

### MOVEMENT OF TROOPS

From Chickamanga Will Sogia To-day. It is Almost Certainly Settled that the First West Virginia Will be Insluded. CHICKAMAUGA, Ga., July 21.—Tonight it looks as if at least two thirds of the troops at Camp Thomas are to be rdered to the front as an expeditionary force to go to Porto Rico under General

The movement will begin to-morrow norning, when the second brigade of the First division first corps, commanded by Brigadier General Haines, will leave

by Brigadier General Haines, will leave for Newport News.

This brigade received marching or-ders a few minutes before 6 o'clock this evening. The regiments of the brigade are the Fourth Ohio, Third Illinois and Fourth Pennsyivania. The order to move was greeted with the wildest en-thusiasm. The regiments of the brig-ade joined in yells of frentic delight and the regimental bands discoursed nation-al airs.

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This brigade is the only organization that will leave the park to-morrow, but it there is not a sudden change in the plans as they are understood here to-night, the entire first corps will follow, the different brigades going out as rapidly as transportation can be arranged. While General Brooke in person had nothing to give out for publication, one of the most prominent and best posted officers of the first corps admitted that it was the purpose to move the entire corps, which numbers about 36,000 officers and men. The regiments of the first corps are: Fifth Illinois, Third Wisconsin, Frat Kentucky, Third Illinois, Fourth Pennsylvania, Second Wisconsin, Third Kentucky, Thirty-first Michigan, One Hundred and Sixtieth Indians, First Georgia, Sixth Ohio, One Hundred and Fifty-eighth Indiana, First West Virginia, Second Ohio, First Pennsylvania, Frusteenth Minnesota, Twelfth Minnesota, Frist South Carolina, Fifth Pennsylvania, Eighth Massachusetts, Twenty-first Kansas, Twelfth New York, Ninth Pennsylvania, Second Missouri and First New Hampahire.

LATEST NAVAL VICTORY

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Modestly Told by Commander Todd, of the Gunboat Wilmington—As Usual, no Casualties on Our Side Occurred.

Camaliles on Our Side Occurred.
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PLAYA DEL ESTE, Guantanamo
Bay, July 21.—The following is in part
the official report of the latest naval
victory, that of Manzanillo, modestly told by Commander Todd, of the Uni-ted States gunboat Wilmington in his report to Admiral Sampson:

At 7 o'clock on the morning of July 18, the vessels on blockade duty in this vicinity, the Wilmington, Helens, Scorplon, Hist, Hornet, Wampatuck and Osceols approached the harbor of Manzanillo from the westward.

At 7:50 fire was opened on the ship-At 7:50 fire was opened on the shipping and after a deliberate fire lasting about two and a half hours, three Spanish transports, El Gloria, Jose Garcia and La Puriciama Concepcion, were burned and destroyed. The pontoon which was the harbor guard and storeship, probably for ammunition, was burned and blown up. Three gunboats were destroyed. One other was driven ashore and sunk and a third was driven ashore and is believed to have been disabled.

No casualties occurred on board any

No casualties occurred on board any of our vessels.

To Ald Miles,

NEW YORK, July 21 .- At the office at Major Summerhayes, who has charge of the government transports at this port it was stated that the Roumania and Michigan sailed this morning and and Michigan salled this morning and that the Massachusetts got off to-night. The Norwegian tramp Otto, loaded with lumber and laborers to assist General Miles' expedition at Porto Rico also left to-day. The City of Washington and the Olivette, two of the original transports which came back to this port with wounded, are being fitted out again for use in earrying troops, although the Olivette will be used as an auxiliary hospital ship whenever needed. It is expected that the hospital ship Reher will return to this port to unload the wounded aboard of her and she will then sall direct to Porto Rico.

May Save Two Ships. WASHINGTON, July 21.-The follow

ing report has been received from Ad-United States Flagship New York,

PLAYA DEL ESTE, July 20. Secretary of the Navy, Washington

D. C.
Progress in wrecking the Maria Teresa very extistactory. The company thinks the ship will probably be raised by Sunday next. No information regarding the other ships. Board officers examining the Reina Mercedes to-day. She will probably also be raised. Lieutenant Comander Pilisbury, commanding the Vesuvius has been supervising the wrecking of these vessels on the part of the navy.

(Signed) SAMPSON.

Cervera May Remain with us. ANNAPOLIS, Md., July 21.—A well lefined rumor, which cannot, however, be traced to an authoritative source, on everybody's lips here to-day, to the effect that Admiral Cervera had pressed a determination not to return to his native country at the close of the war. It is said that the admiral has dewar. It is said that the admiral has de-cided to take up his residence in Boston, whither he will repair with his son, Lieutenant Cervera, who is also a pris-oner here, as soon as peace is declared.

Bombarted a Signal Tower.

MADRID, July 21, 5 p. m.-A dispatch from Havana says that the American warships before Manzanillo separated esterday, five proceeding to a point off Cape Cruz, where they bombarded signal tower, causing damage,

Post Communication with Santiago ient to-day issued a general order open ing post communication between the United States and the Santiago district d other districts that may be taken herenfter,

Center and Herrigarator WASHINGTON, July 21 .- The Buffa

o, late the Nictheroy, purchased from the Brazillan government, sailed to-day

# TALK ABOUT TAME AFFAIRS!

How Does the First District Democratic Convention

STRIKE YOUR CONCEPTION?

J. V. Blair, of Doddridge, Nominated on First Ballot.

### RECEIVES AN EMPTY HONOR.

Dr. M. S. Holt, of Weston, Who Lately Esponsed Democracy, and Who Endorsed by Lewis County for the Re ination, Receives Scant Courtesy at the Hands of the "Tumultuous" Body of Democrats-In Spite of the Ungrateful Action of the Convention Dr. Helt Makes a "Thrilling Speech" Pledging His Support to the Nominee-A Crany Quilt Platform, with the Same Old "We Bencumes" on Top.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. WESTON, W. V., July 21.—The Dam-

perats of the First congressional district met here to-day for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress. resulting in the selection of J. V. Blair, of Doddridge county. Owing to late arrival of trains no business was done in the morning. Promptly at 1:50 p. m. the chairman of the state executive committee, Mr. Frank Cox, of Ohio county, called the convention to order, whereupon Rev. J. F. Cather, of the Baptist church, of this place, offered prayer, invoking divine blessings upon the assemblage.

A temporary organization was effected by the selection of J. W. Davis, of Harrison county, chairman, and J. F. B. Fowler, of Braxion, secretary. Up-on taking the chair Mr. Davis thanked the convention in a neat speech, which was well received. The opera house, in which the convention was held, was tastefully decorated with flags and

#### Some Singe Settings.

On the back of the stage was a large picture of William Jennings Bryan, o the right a portrait of General Fitshugh Lee, and on the left a picture of the hero of Manila, Admiral George Dewey, looked down upon the audien Hancock county is not represented, and there are but two delegates from Brooke. A recess of thirty minutes was taken to give the various committees

time to report.
Upon reassembling the temporary or-Upon reassembling the temporary organization was made permanent. The committee on credentials reported that no proxies would be accepted. Nominating speeches were limited to five minutes to be made from stage. Seconding speeches were limited to three minutes to be made from the floor. When time came for nominations L. H. Keller, of Firaxton, arose and placed John O. Pendleton before the convention, but took his seat amidst a storm of noes. Keller afterwards withdrew the name of Mr. Pendleton and seconded the nomination of J. V. Blair.

George Bland, of Doddridge, placed before the convention Hon. J. V. Blair, of Doddridge.

Holit's Name Hissed.

When Lewis county was called, Col-

When Lewis county was called, Colnel A. W. Woodford took the platform

and in one of his characteristic speeches representing himself as being the representative of the farming and labor-

resentative of the farming and laboring classes, placed in nomination Dr. Mr. S. Holt, of Lewis.

The convention tried to howl him down. Lewis county had endorsed Holt's candidacy. Brooke county placed Colonel Alex. Campbell before the convention. Holt's nomination was seconded by Lewis and Marshall, while Blair's nomination was seconded by Marshall. Harrison, Tyler. Wetzel, Braxton and Doddridge. The result of the balloting was not announced. It appearing that Blair had more than the necessary 110 votes to elect, the name of Dr. Holt was withdrawn, as were those of the other candidates. Mr. Blair was called and responded in a brief address, accepting the nomination.

Helt's "Harmony" Speech. Holt's "Harmony" Speech.

Dr. Holt was called to the platform, looked angrily at some of the speakers who had referred somewhat unkindly to his wouthful Democracy, and exclaimed: "I am not here to apologize for not being a Democrat prior to two years ago. I am proud that I did not train with those of you who endorsed Grover Cleveland's financial policies prior to that time." He pledged his support to Blair, and closed by saying that but for the "darker" and alten vote McKinley could not have been elected. Some very unkind things were said of Dr. Holt in the convention, and he now realizes that he did not receive kindly treatment, even though in the house of his friends.

Denowage and Realizm.

The resolutions were prepared by claimed: "I am not here to apologise

The resolutions were prepared by Hon. John J. Davis,of Clarksburg. They reaffirm the Democratic doctrines of reassimm the Democratic doctrines of Jefferson, reassim the Bryan platform, pledge support to the existing administration in the vigorous prosecution of the war to a successful end, but oppose imperialism. Declare for the Monroe doctrine, denounce the Dingley law, annexation of Hawaii, and the single gold mandard, and oppose any alliance with any country and denounce the state administration. The convention adjourned at 4:30, when the delegates left for their respective homes.

Tyler County's Sensation

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., July 21.— The evidence in the Strickling trial at Middlebourne continues to be sensational. Some of the evidence adduced so far has been of such a sensational nature that the names of several prom-inent people in the county have been used in connection with some very shade transactions. The trial will last all of this week, and may extend into a portion of next.

Weather Forecast for To-day.
For West Virginia, Western Pennaylyania and Ohlo, fair and warmer; light variable winds, becoming southerly.
Local Temperature.
The temperature yesterday as observed
by C. Schnept, druggist, cornet Market,
and Fourteenth streets, was as follows:

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For these reasons Garcia declares he chem will ever reach here and they de-will no longer co-operate with the forces